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1. REGRET DELAY IN FORWARDING THESE IMPRESSIONS OF
RWANDA GATHERED DURING AN UNEXPECTED DAY TO RWANDA JAN.
14. WE WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE UNAMIR CHIEF OF STAFF
AND AMBASSADOR RAWSON ON A UN HELICOPTER, ON A VISIT TO
THREE UNAMIR SITES, INCLUDING FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN
KIGALI. AS SOME OF THE REQUESTS WE RECEIVED COULD USE

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ACTION BEFORE MY RETURN TO WASHINGTON, I AM SENDING IN

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THESE NOTES, WHILE INVITING OUR AMBASSADORS IN BUJUMBURA AND KIGALI TO MAKE ANY CORRECTIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED DIRECTLY TO YOU.

2. PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS:

--EQUIPMENT: FORCE COMMANDER CANADIAN GENERAL TOUSSIGNANT SAYS HE HAS URGENT NEED FOR 23 WHEELED APCS. I TOLD HIM WE HAD NONE AVAILABLE, AND THAT HE NEEDED TO LOOK ELSEWHERE (HE NOTED THAT CANADA AND FRANCE MANUFACTURE THEM; I NOTED THAT THERE MIGHT STILL BE SOME FORMER EAST GERMAN STOCKS AVAILABLE IN EUROPE). HE ALSO SUPPORTED THE REQUEST MADE BY THE ETHIOPIAN COMMANDER WHO BRIEFED US AT NYAMASHEKA (ON LAKE KIVU) FOR NIGHT VISION GOGGLES AND BOATS/OUTBOARD MOTORS TO PATROL LAKE SHORELINE FACING THE EX-FAR IN ZAIRE. THE ENTIRE UNAMIR OPERATION ONLY HAS THREE PAIRS OF NVGS (OF UNKNOWN PROVENANCE), ALL OF WHICH ARE ASSIGNED TO THE KIVU CONTINGENT, WHICH IS WITNESSING INCREASING INCURSIONS -- SEE BELOW. THE LAKESIDE CONTINGENT ALSO ONLY HAS ONE MOTORBOAT, TO CONFRONT AN ENTIRE FLOTILLA (GENERALLY OF LARGE, WOODEN TRADITIONAL BOATS WHICH NEVERTHELESS HOLD UP TO FORTY PASSENGERS) WHICH THE EX-FAR STOLE WHEN IT MOVED ACROSS THE LAKE TO ZAIRE.

--LIFT: TOUSSIGNANT MADE AN URGENT PLEA FOR US LIFT OF THE REMAINING ZAMBIAN DETACHMENT. I PROMISED HIM PM OR EUCOM WOULD GET BACK TO EMBASSY KIGALI WITH AN ETA, EXPLAINING OTHER ACTIONS WHICH HAVE INTERVENED TO TAX EVEN OUR LIFT CAPABILITY.

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--UNAMIR NUMBERS: THE FORCE COMMANDER BELIEVES HE WILL NEED TO INCREASE SLIGHTLY THE NUMBER OF PEACEKEEPERS FOR THE PERIOD OF THE TRIAL. HE BELIEVES HE WILL NEED SIX THOUSAND TOTAL IN ORDER TO ASSURE ENHANCED SECURITY IN THE CAPITAL, AS THE PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATIONS PROCEED IN THE KIGALI STADIUM (THE TRIALS WILL BE HELD IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA). HE ALSO NOTED THAT CANADA IS CUTTING ITS CONTINGENT IN HALF AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, DOWN TO LESS THAN 130 -- A SOMEWHAT BIZARRE DEVELOPMENT

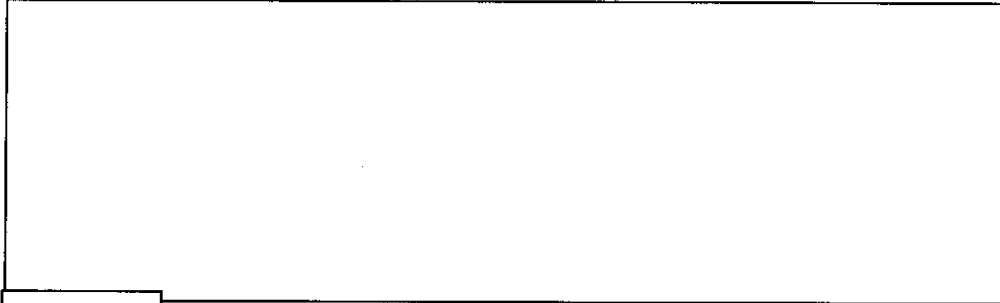
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FOR A CANADIAN COMMANDER WHEN HE IS SEEKING INCREASED NUMBERS. (I SOUGHT BUT DID NOT RECEIVE A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION WHILE AT HIS HEADQUARTERS, BEYOND CANADIAN FORCES BEING STRETCHED THIN DUE PK RESPONSIBILITIES WORLDWIDE.)

--DETACHMENTS: UNAMIR AFRICAN FORCES FROM ZAMBIA, GHANA, GUINEA, ZIMBABWE, ETHIOPIA BRIEFED OUR GROUP.

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COMMENT: I WAS ALSO STRUCK BY THE LARGE INDIAN CONTINGENT IN KIGALI (WHERE AN INDIAN COLONEL SERVES AS UNAMIR CHIEF OF STAFF), WHICH CONTAINS A LARGE NUMBER OF GHURKA TROOPS. THE COUNTRYSIDE REMAINS
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MORE DANGEROUS FROM WHAT I WAS TOLD.

3. THE DISPLACED:

--THE INDIAN CHIEF OF STAFF EXPRESSED GREAT EXASPERATION WITH HIS ABILITY TO GET DISPLACED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME COLLINES. THE "NUMBER ONE" DISINCENTIVE, HE SAID, WAS THAT THE EX-GOR CADRES IN THE CAMPS FOR THE DISPLACED HAVE A VERY ACTIVE FEAR CAMPAIGN GOING ON INSIDE THESE INTERNAL CAMPS. A ZAMBIAN UNAMIR COMMANDER IN SOUTHERN RWANDA ALSO COMPLAINED THAT THE NGO'S WERE NOT COOPERATING EITHER, AS THEY HAD NOT CUT BACK ON RATIONS AS THEY HAD PROMISED. UNAMIR IS MAKING A MAJOR EFFORT TO GET THE DISPLACED TO RETURN - INCLUDING UN HELICOPTERS TO TAKE CAMP LEADERS BACK TO THEIR HOME AREAS FOR CONFIDENCE-BUILDING VISITS -- BUT THUS FAR TO LITTLE AVAIL.

--INCIDENTS IN THESE CAMPS ARE QUICKLY INVESTIGATED AND

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RPF TAKES ACTION AGAINST PERPETRATORS. GEN.
TOUSSIGNANT STUCK FIRMLY TO HIS STORY ON WHAT SOME U.S.
OBSERVERS BELIEVE WAS A MAJOR INCIDENT 6/7 JANUARY AT A

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CAMP FOR THE DISPLACED IN SOUTHERN RWANDA. WITHOUT REPEATING STORY HERE, OR SPECULATING ON WHY HUNDREDS OF RWANDANS FLED INTO BURUNDI SHORTLY THEREAFTER, I'D NOTE THAT HIS CONVICTION CAME FROM COLLECTING SPENT ROUNDS AT SITE; KNOWLEDGE OF STATUS AND POPULATION OF CAMP BEFORE INCIDENT; EYE-WITNESS TESTIMONY BY CANADIAN NGO
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WORKER (COINCIDENTALLY FROM HIS HOME TOWN); AND QUICK ACTION BY KAGAME TO PUNISH OFFENDERS. ADDITIONALLY, HE PERSONALLY VISITED CAMP LESS THAN SIX HOURS AFTER INCIDENT. COMMENT: I ALSO TALKED TO FLEEING RWANDANS IN NORTHERN BURUNDI WHO GAVE CONFUSING NUMBERS ON VICTIMS OF ALLEGED RPF ARMY-PERPETRATED INCIDENTS, BUT SPEAK OF MULTIPLE HUNDREDS. THE INDIAN COS REFERS TO BACKLOG AT CLOSED - DUE CURRENCY EXCHANGE - BORDERS LATER PROVOKING HUGE EXODUS REPORTED BY AMERICAN MISSIONARIES. THE DIFFERENCES IN THE STORIES ARE SO LARGE AS TO MERIT SKEPTICISM ALL AROUND, BUT AGGRESSIVE DISINFORMATION, IT APPEARS, IS HAVING AN INSIDIOUS EFFECT ON ALL THE MAJOR ACTORS AND OBSERVERS OF THE RWANDAN TRAGEDY. END COMMENT.

4. EX-FAR CAMP, EASTERN ZAIRE:

--ACCORDING TO THE UNAMIR FORCE COMMANDER, BOTH THE CURRENCY EXCHANGE OPERATION AND THE PASSAGE OF TIME INDICATE THE EX-FAR IS A WASTING ASSET. ACCORDING TO HIS CALCULATIONS, DEC.-JAN. WOULD HAVE BEEN AN OPTIMAL TIME FOR THE ARMED ELEMENTS TO CROSS BACK INTO RWANDA, AND IT'S NOT HAPPENING.

--UNAMIR HAS ALMOST NO INTELLIGENCE ON EASTERN ZAIRE - ONLY WHAT WE SUPPLY, HE IMPLIED.

--THE ETHIOPIAN CONTINGENT, A BATTLE-HARDENED COLONEL AND VETERAN OF ETHIOPIA'S RECENT WAR, COMMANDER ON LAKE KIVU, WAS CATEGORIC THAT RECENT "INCIDENTS" WERE

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BANDITRY, NOT EX-FAR MAKING THE LONG-AWAITED RETURN.
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5. NOTE FOR PM FITZGERALD/WHARTON: I HAVE NOT SEEN
REPORTING FROM BURUNDI, BUT WOULD BE GLAD TO DEBRIEF
SMALL INTERAGENCY GROUP ON VISITS TO BOTH RWANDA AND
BURUNDI, IF THERE IS INTEREST, WEEK FOLLOWING MY
RETURN.
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